

## ONEIDA PLANS TO GET SPUD PRIZE

County Will Have Big Exhibit At State Potato Show, Eau Claire

Oneida county spud raisers are manifesting much interest in the annual Potato Growers' association and potato show to be held in the city of Eau Claire on Nov. 21, 22, 23 and 24. Oneida county will arrange to have one of the largest and best exhibits at the show in an effort to capture another prize.

The show this year will surpass anything held in former years, and great preparations are being made for the affair.

One of the special features of the show, this year, is the Potato club and school contest exhibit for boys and girls. The state association is pleased to announce that Mr. T. L. Bewick, in charge of the boys and girls club work in Wisconsin, has been secured as superintendent of this department. Acting under resolutions passed at the last convention, the state association has given special attention to potato club and school contest exhibits this year.

The state association now announces definitely that every boy or girl, who has grown potatoes either in club work or individually, is entitled to enter this class. The only important requirement made is that all entries shown must be stock actually grown and selected by the contestant making entry, and special entry blanks will be provided for proper signature to this condition.

Liberal cash prizes, banners, and trophies will be awarded to potato club classes.

## WATER QUESTION BEFORE COUNCIL

Mr. Kirchoffer, Sanitary Engineer, Advises Against Filtration System

At the regular October meeting of the city council Tuesday night the matter of providing a new source of water supply for the city came up for consideration. A special committee that had been appointed to investigate this question, submitted its report. Three plans were considered by the committee whereby the water supply of the city could be remedied. The first was the installation of a filtration system to purify the water now in use, the second was drilling of wells, the third was using water from some nearby lake. Mr. Kirchoffer, a sanitary engineer of Madison, assisted the committee in their investigation. He advised against the filtering of the water on account of the expense of maintaining the plant. Several lakes were examined, the most likely one found being Hanson lake. This lake contains pure water but there was a question as to whether the supply would be adequate to the demands in future years. Mr. Kirchoffer suggested the boring of wells to determine the amount of water which feeds this lake.

The entire matter was left in the hands of the regular water works committee to act in conjunction with the special committee with authority to do as they see advisable.

Pecor Wants Assessor's Resignation Alderman Frank Pecor made a motion that the Mayor be instructed to request the resignation of J. J. Remo, city assessor, on the grounds of incompetency. This motion was opposed by the majority of the aldermen for the reason that even though Mr. Remo resigned it would not change the status of the assessment roll. The roll is now in the hands of the board of review and it was felt that any movement like Mr. Pecor suggested would hamper the work of the board. The board will endeavor to adjust the assessment in an equitable manner. On a vote being taken on Mr. Pecor's motion the aldermen stood 8 against and 3 for, one member, John Strangstad, being absent.

The bill of L. Emmerling, demanding damages to his meat market building on N. Brown street caused by the overflowing of sewage, was disallowed.

A bill of \$562 for liability insurance for city employees was allowed.

Aside from making out the annual city levy, which appears elsewhere in this issue, the council transacted no other business of importance and adjourned early.

## MAY REMAIN ALL WINTER IN TEXAS

Co. L May Not See Rhinelander Until Next Spring Is Probability

There is a probability that Company L of this city will stay in Texas all winter. Recently orders were issued that many companies on the border be sent home, but Battery A was the only Wisconsin organization on the list. It is a well established fact that the Wisconsin troops are the best on the border and for this reason it is believed that they will be the last to be discharged from duty.

Lieut. Wesley of Company L in a communication to the New North states that Company L may not be ordered home until next spring. It is understood that a large number of the men, especially those who are not married, would enjoy staying in Texas through the winter. They have grown to like the country and people, the climate is ideal, and the prospects of escaping a long northern Wisconsin winter are looked upon with favor.

Send Troops Home, Says Boardman That the Wisconsin National guard troops are no longer needed on the Mexican border and should be sent home as soon as possible is the conviction of Gen. C. H. Boardman, former head of the Wisconsin guard, who was sent to Texas as special representative of Gov. Philipp, to review the Badger troops.

Gen. Boardman, to whose efforts the guard owes much of its excellence of training and equipment, says the sooner the men are discharged from the border service the better for all concerned. They have made enough sacrifices already, he said, and they see no further necessity for their services. They desire to get home to vote and Gen. Boardman will recommend to the governor that they be allowed to vote by mail if not sent home in the meantime. They will be available for services in emergency, if home, he said.

At present the Wisconsin troops rank first in point of health and equipment. In physique they appeared to be ahead of any of the other guard troops.

## 1916 CITY LEVY TOTALS \$122,935

Increase Over 1915 Is Over \$22,000 Due To Sewer And School Purposes

It was resolved by the Mayor and common council at the regular monthly meeting Tuesday night that the following tax be levied in and for the city of Rhinelander, for the year beginning January 1, 1916:

Salaries	\$7,000
Street and Sidewalks	9,000
Fire Department	7,000
Police Department	2,800
Water Works Department	6,500
Elections	250
Health	600
Street Lights	6,000
Printing	350
Cemetery	600
Parks	100
Rents	225
Bonds	15,000
Interests	6,500
Stationery	100
Schools	35,250
Industrial School	1,750
Library	1,800
Bridges	500
Miscellaneous	7,500
Liability Insurance	600
Sewer Extension	9,000
Water Works Extensions	3,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$122,935</b>
Estimated receipts	23,000
<b>Total Levy</b>	<b>\$99,935</b>

There is an increase of over \$22,000 in this year's levy over that of last year. This is due to about \$9,000 raise for school purposes, \$8,000 for special sewer work, \$1,750 for the industrial school and the remainder for special work ordered by the council for streets and water.

**TAG DAY, OCT. 14** The Rhinelander Woman's Club will have a "Tag day" on Saturday, October fourteenth for the benefit of the endowment fund of the library.

S. E. Alvord of this city was elected vice president of the Central Wisconsin Traffic Bureau at a meeting of that organization held in Wausau last week.

## PHELPS HAS BIG FIRE; MILL AND LUMBER YARD GONE

One-half million dollars is the estimated loss entailed by a fire, which destroyed the saw mill plant and the lumber yards of the Mackley-Phelps-Bonnell Lumber Company in Phelps (formerly known as Mackley) Wednesday. Only by valiant efforts on the part of citizens and assistance from the Chicago & Northwestern Railway company's fire train, combined with the fact that the wind did not shift, was the entire town saved from destruction. The fire broke out in the lumber yard at an early hour in the morning and owing to a high wind spread rapidly. Over two hundred men, mostly employees of the company, battled the flames all day and until late in the night, when the fire was finally subdued. The loss is stated, will approximate \$500,000, eighty per cent of which is covered by insurance. The chemical plant, although afire three or four times, was not damaged to any great extent.

The Vilas County News gives the following account of the conflagration: Fire of unknown origin beginning at four o'clock this morning totally destroyed the saw mill and lumber yard at Phelps entailing a \$500,000 loss. According to eye witnesses the conflagration started in a lumber pile near the lake shore about midway between the store and the mill. A southwest wind fanned the flames and the whole lumber yard with twelve million feet of lumber was quickly razed to the ground, a loss of about \$350,000.

The saw mill, one of the largest in the state and valued at some \$150,000 was next destroyed. Thousands of cords of slab wood back of the chemical plant burned and at the time of going to press the fire has a good hold on a pile of 1500 cords of pulp wood.

The Wisconsin Chemical Company's plant has been saved although as a precautionary measure hundreds of gallons of wood alcohol has been carried out and thrown in a swamp out of the danger zone. The round house and planing mill are intact and will be saved if the wind remains in the same quarter. Should it veer to the west the entire village will be wiped out.

In response to a call for assistance the C. & N. W. Ry. fire department train with special tank cars and pumps passed through here about 11:30 en route from Antigo to the scene of the conflagration. The local fire-fighting apparatus is entirely inadequate to cope with the flames.

Insurance will partly cover the half million dollar loss. The mill, a modern, fully equipped double end, will undoubtedly be rebuilt single, the company having a ten-year cut left.

News of the big fire quickly spread and many people from Eagle River and the surrounding towns motored to Phelps to view the sight of a half million dollars' worth of property going up in smoke.

## FIRST LAND CLEARING CONGRESS HERE OCT. 13

If plans materialize, the first "land clearing congress" ever held in Wisconsin will be called here soon after the arrival of the Wisconsin land clearing special, Friday, October 13.

Tentative plans are under way to hold a meeting of representative bankers, business men, farmers, railroad officials, manufacturers of stumping machinery and dynamite demonstrators in Rhinelander on that date. This will be a "round-up" meeting following a long series of successful public land clearing demonstrations.

However, this meeting will not interfere in any way with the field demonstration to be given on a tract of white pine stumps about one-half mile from this city. W. D. Juday, county agricultural representative, is making arrangements for the event.

The train is operated over the Soo railroad by the College of Agriculture, University of Wisconsin, in cooperation with the Wisconsin Advancement Association and three companies engaged in making land clearing machinery and dynamite.

"Splendid support at every place" is the verdict of Manager C. D. Livingston on the tour, to date, of the

## FREE DINNER FOR COUNTY FARMERS

(By W. D. Juday)

Every one should plan now to attend the free land clearing demonstration to be held at the old Crofoot farm just west of Rhinelander, Friday, Oct. 13. Horse pullers, one man machines and pliers and dynamite will be used. These different outfits will be working all day long, so come early and be prepared to stay for the day.

The Advancement Association is going to furnish a free dinner to all farmers and members of their families who attend this demonstration. This dinner will be served on the field.

When we consider that only about 2 percent of the area of our county is in crops, we begin to realize what a big chance there is for development in agricultural ways and the beginning of this development must necessarily be the removal of our stumps. Other men are also realizing the wonderful opportunities for development and with this idea there is going to be a meeting of several university men, several representatives of the big

## POSTOFFICE HERE SHOWS INCREASE

More Help Is Required To Efficiently Handle Growing Business

The year ending June 30, shows a great increase over any previous year in the finances of the Rhinelander postoffice.

The office has not as yet checked up the fall quarter ending Sept. 30, but it will show the largest business for that quarter in the history of the office. On Thursday, in the last week of September, were sold 30,000 two cent envelopes in three orders.

Postmaster Stapleton advises patrons to rent lock-boxes, as they cost less than 2-3 of a cent a day and the office is opened day and night, every day in the week to lock boxes. There has just been installed many new keyless boxes and more will be installed when wanted.

Mr. Stapleton expresses his hope that that error in the title to the Rapids House site will be corrected very soon, for the new government building will accommodate the service in such a way that the public will have passing room in the lobby and the clerks and carriers inside.

The people generally have awakened to the fact, that postal business belongs to them, that the postal service does not stop at the city limits but has rural carriers as well as star route carriers which deliver mail and parcel post throughout the county, also motor boat mail service on the waters.

With the completion and opening of the new hotel and the new addition on the Paul Browne property Mr. Stapleton will be obliged to ask for one more carrier, as it will be impossible for the four carriers at present on duty to efficiently accommodate the patrons, and orders from President Wilson and Postmaster General Burleson are to the effect that the service in this respect be perfect.

The postal employees are the people's servants and if any one can suggest an improvement in the service now rendered here Mr. Stapleton would be pleased to hear from him. One more rural carrier will be put on in the spring to give mail delivery to new settlers.

## GOVERNOR CALLS SPECIAL SESSION

Governor Philipp has called for a special session of the legislature of the State of Wisconsin, to be held on the tenth of October for the purpose of putting through legislation that will permit the Wisconsin soldier boys at the front to take part in the November election, by voting by mail. It was supposed that this matter was covered by the recent mail voting law but according to Attorney General Owen, such is not the case so the special session became necessary. This action was promised by both the Republican convention nominating Philipp and the recent Republican platform convention. Thus the soldier on the border will not be disfranchised for serving his country.

## FIGHT FIRE FIEND AND BABY PLAGUE

"Fire Prevention Day", which is set for Oct. by proclamation of Governor Philipp, will have as its object the prevention of infantile paralysis as well as fires.

The object of setting a special day for fire prevention is to have cooperation among the different officials of cities to clean up yards and alleyways. The spread of the recent infantile paralysis plague is attributed in large part to rubbish that is left lying in yards, alleyways, and cellars, which serves as a breeding place for germs.

"Fire Prevention Day" is expected to prove a success all over the state in drawing attention to the spots that are eye-sores to the city. Several other states have recently added the clean-up day to their calendar.

Special attention is urged by the fire department at this time of the year, as many fires occur every fall when heat requirements mean the starting up of stores and furnaces that have gone out of order during their long summer's rest.

## JURY BRINGS IN SPECIAL VERDICT

Places Damages In Suit Of Weilep vs. Roepcke At \$300

In the personal injury suit of Henry Weilep vs. Christ Roepcke and George Taggart, the only case tried in circuit court this week, the jury returned a special verdict placing the plaintiff's damages at \$300. Weilep instituted suit for \$5000 against Roepcke and Taggart and the Northwestern Railway company for injuries which he alleged to have sustained when struck by a railroad velocipede operated by Roepcke and Taggart on the night of Oct. 31, 1915, on the Pelham street crossing, this city. The action against the Northwestern railway company was dismissed on the ground that the company was in no way involved.

One day was occupied in hearing testimony. Julius J. Miller of Milwaukee was attorney for the plaintiff and Attorney H. F. Steele appeared for the defendants. The jury deliberated from 1:55 Tuesday afternoon until 11 o'clock that night.

**Special Verdict**

Question No. 1: Was the plaintiff, Weilep, struck and felled by a hand car propelled by Roepcke and Taggart on October 31, 1915?

Answer—No.

Question No. 2: Was the operation of the hand car the approximate cause of the plaintiff falling and being injured?

Answer—Yes.

Question No. 3: Did the plaintiff fail to use ordinary care for his own safety at the time?

Answer—No.

Question No. 4: What sum would fairly compensate the plaintiff for his loss as result of his injury?

Answer—\$300.

Members of the jury were C. A. Carling, James N. Coffin, C. F. Emden, Charles Nicholson, Olaf Olson, Henry Blumenstein, William Hanson, William J. Dunn, Henry Gagen, Edward Carlson, Louis P. H. Rood and William Small.

## TRAVELING MAN PRAISES COUNTY

"When at the state fair this year I took particular notice of Oneida county's exhibit in the county building and I must say that it was a fine exhibit," said a gentleman who travels out of Milwaukee, in this city Monday. "Many of the older counties failed to make as fine a showing. I have never seen better potatoes; the other vegetables also looked good and the display of grains and grasses was creditable, indeed. Oneida county has a right to be proud of her progress along agricultural lines."

"Eighteen years ago when I first began making this territory," continued the knight of the grip, "Oneida county and in fact nearly all of northern Wisconsin was not much more than an unbroken wilderness. Few people thought that it would ever amount to much as a farming country. What a change this comparatively short time has brought. Fine farms now dot the landscape and each year marks a big increase in the amount of acreage being put under cultivation."

"Some day, before I get much older I am going to quit the road and settle down on a farm and it is a pretty safe bet that that farm will be in Oneida county."

## ENFORCE EGG LAW

The United States Department of Agriculture will enforce a ruling made last February, stock can be confiscated and owner fined or imprisoned if eggs show more than 5 per cent loss. The penalty is a fine of \$200 for the first offense and a fine of \$300 for the subsequent offenses or imprisonment not exceeding one year. The eggs can be seized and a civil action brought against the owner by the government. The bureau of chemistry of the department of agriculture recently issued the following bulletin: "In the opinion of the department, eggs which contain yolk stuck to shell, moldy eggs, black spots, mixed rots, added yolks and any other eggs which consist wholly or in part of a filthy, decomposed or adulterated substance are adulterated."

Men and women to pick ferns. Rhinelander Berry Company, 642 Keenan street.